

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

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3. (amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] characterized in that the end faces of the box (4, 6) are formed by cheeks or side plates (6) intended to be applied in sliding contact against the corresponding end faces of the anilox roll (2), wherein said cheeks or side plates (6) form by themselves sealing members between the box (4,6) and the anilox roll (2);

4. (amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] characterized in that the negative blade (18) is supported on the box (4,6) by the intermediary of a detachable support (30), in such a way that the negative blade (18) can be extracted from the box (4,6) by withdrawal of the support without requiring a global replacement of the doctor blade chamber;

5. (amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] characterized in that the retaining blade (26) forms a closed angle A contained between five degrees and 15 degrees and opening toward the negative blade (18) together with the tangent of the anilox roll taking at the point of contact between the retaining blade (26) and the anilox roll (2);

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7 are in the case. Claims 3 to 7 are being amended.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to improve claim language and to eliminate multiple dependencies between claims.

Should be there any multiple dependent claims remaining, such remaining multiple dependent claims are to be deemed as treated as canceled by the applicant.

Entry of the above-recited corrections prior to calculation of the fee is respectfully requested.

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6. (amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] characterized in that anyone at least of the positive blade (16), negative blade (18), and of the retaining blade (26) is furnished with a means for controlling the contact pressure which the respective blade is intended to exert on the anilox roll (2).

7. (amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] characterized in that the moving means (10) of the box (4) comprises a member (11) exerting an elastic pressure on the box relative to the anilox roll (2), wherein the box (4) takes support under the effect of the set elastic pressure, against the frame (8) by the intermediary of the controllable thrust (13) with which the box (4) is furnished.